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Beaverton Police Department Target Illegal Fireworks

The use of illegal fireworks within the City of Beaverton is of concern to a number of our residents and the Beaverton Police Department. The Beaverton Police Department is committed to a Fourth of July holiday that can be enjoyed by everyone. Police officers will be working with the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Department and will focus efforts on reducing the use of illegal fireworks over the Fourth of July.

There will be extra patrols in the neighborhoods to enforce the laws regulating the use and possession of illegal fireworks.

Oregon law bans possession, use or sale of fireworks that fly, explode or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air. Fireworks commonly called “bottle rockets”, “Roman Candles”, and fire crackers are illegal in Oregon.

Individuals found with illegal fireworks:

- Will have the illegal fireworks seized by officers.
- Can potentially face arrest and criminal prosecution.
- Can be held civilly liable for damages resulting from misuse of fireworks.
- Can be liable for damages their children are found to have caused.

The Fourth of July holiday is an opportunity for many of us to spend time with friends and family and to enjoy community celebrations. The Beaverton Police Department wants to ensure it's a safe and fun time for everyone.

The non-emergency telephone number for dispatch to report any illegal fireworks is (503) 629-0111

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